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Society History

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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered — this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

The Society had held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in General Meetings and maintains the largest U.F.O. library in the Southern Hemisphere, making books available by post, to members throughout the Commonwealth.

Membership of this Society — which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere — is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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EDITORIAL.

At least some of our members have been on the alert with regard to the increasing frequency of earthquakes, now occurring at an alarming rate around the world.

Five years ago, Louise Ellis one of our correspondents in the U.S.A., pointed out to us that records show that in the 9th Century there was one major earthquake; in the 11th Century two, in the 13th Century three, in the 16th two, 17th two, the 18th five (including Lisbon), and in the 19th Century, nine major earthquakes. So far in the 20th Century, there had been over 40. That was up to 1970. Since then, many more have occurred (eight between December 13th 1982 and November 6th 1983) Several have occurred since that time.

Several years ago, orthodox scientists disregarded the increasing intervals by brushing off the statistics as inaccurately kept records of the past. But now, the quakes are shaking up the scientists.

Last year Walter Sullivan of the New York Times pointed out that the 'quake fright was sending scientists scurrying for an explanation.

Some scientists theorize that UFOs are the result of stress along fault lines. They conjecture that the UFOs originate from reservoirs of light from minerals such as quartz when rubbed together. Now is the time to come forward with proof. During a peak of earthquakes worldwide, why is there no worldwide UFO Flap?

Since this is our first publication for the year, we would like to thank members for their support during 1983, and hope for your continued support. Though it appears quiet UFOwise at the moment, we are still gaining members. Don't forget, tell your friends about VUFORS and bring them to the UFO Evidence Exhibition on March 10th.

THIS CONTRIBUTION IS FROM VUFORS MEMBER MILOS KRMELJ OF YUGOSLAVIA. MR. KRMELJ, IS ONE OF EUROPE'S LEADING UFOLOGISTS.

Amateur astronomers who spotted an unusual light in the sky in the evening of October 3rd, 1983, believe that it was what we call UFO.

In the evening hours of October 3rd 1983, many inhabitants of Split, Kastela bay and Solta island had the opportunity to observe unusual phenomena in the sky twice in the course of the evening. Among them, there were also nine young members of Society of amateur astronomers from Split who happened to be at that time in the municipal astronomist observatory. Tonei Osibov and Ivica Vucemilo observed through a telescope with magnification 200 times the constellation of Fox, looking for eventual meteorites.

It was a few minutes past 8 pm when a big bright "star" appeared in the visible area of the telescope. First they thought that it was a huge meteor but direction and speed of the object pointed to a possibility that it could be an artificial satellite. Before the Solta island, high above the sea, they could see it with the naked eye. Soon they realized that it was not a satellite. For the flying object had a rather unusual oval and oblong shape, emanating a twinkling blue - white light which was at moments very strong. Two young amateur astronomers observed in turns through a telescope this "miracle in the sky" until they came to a conclusion that perhaps they witnessed a phenomenon that we popularly call "flying saucer".

They ran to the fence on the terrace and started calling their colleagues who were one floor below them. Every one of them ran to the terrace.

- "Look, a flying saucer!" - said Tonci to Ivica.

- "What are you talking about?" - replied Goran Ergovic who was the first to arrive to the terrace.

But as soon as he looked into the direction that his fellows were pointing their hands at, he saw with his own eyes that something was really flying above Split channel towards Kozjak.

- "What could it be?" wondered some of them.

- "A satellite," - replied some of more experienced astronomers among them.

- "A satellite cannot possibly emanate such a bright light" - said Goran Ergovic - "and still less possibly can it change at disposal the intensity of the light."

- "It might have been a plane."

Of course, they could keep on watching and guessing what the unknown object might have represented as this was done by many inhabitants of Split, Kastela and Solta island, yet they decided to observe the unknown flying object most carefully. With distinction from other observers, they disposed of various optical instruments, amongst them a fairly powerful telescope. So they mounted to the upper terrace where cupola of the observatory with all the necessary instruments is situated. It was exactly ten minutes past 8 pm when they started to observe profoundly the unusual phenomenon in the sky.

The unknown flying object has not proved any change of height or speed in the next four minutes, but it kept on changing the intensity of emanated blue-white light. It flew over the island Ciovo, the bay of Kastela and the peaks of Kozjak. It seemed as if it would disappear any moment behind the peaks of Marjan. But....

--"It stopped!"-- shouted Goran Ergovic who followed it through a telescope.

In the next moment he spotted another, smaller object that emanated strong orange light. The new body began to circle slowly around the front part of the primary UFO and therefore it was not possible to observe it all the time. This circling prevented the observers from telling exactly whether there was only one or perhaps more smaller bodies. It lasted for about three minutes. Then the orange coloured object seemed to fuse with the blue-white one that turned a bit to the right at that time, grew more and more red and headed toward north at a fairly high speed. It disappeared behind the forests of Marjan in three minutes. Impressed by what they had seen, the nine amateur astronomers were a little more convinced that the spotted object was most probably a "flying saucer".

All their observations corresponded to descriptions of UFO's such as they were often published in newspapers and literature. Their observation diary reads that they observed "unusual phenomenon" and lays emphasis on the fact that "any similarity to aeroplanes or satellites should be out of any consideration". They also calculated the object's course across the sky which came to be 120 degrees. From the astronomical point of view, the object moved in direction from the constellation of the Fox, passed Lyre and Dragon, came under the center of the constellation trapezoid "the Great Bear" and then headed on towards the north.

"In the same evening" - claims Goran Ergovic - "when I was going home, I spotted in the sky a smaller object that moved in the same direction. It was exactly one minute past 10 pm. The object emanated strong light of orange colour. Together with some passers-by I observed it for full nine minutes."

Observations of astronomers from Split were soon published in certain newspapers, yet some of them put down that it had not been "flying saucers" which were spotted. According to these newspapers, it was a natural phenomenon that results from the change of air pressure. Thus are formed electric loads in the shape of a ball and of secondary light that enables them to change their shape, size and direction. They also published that astronomers themselves stated that they spotted only atmospherics. Such false statements strongly irritated the astronomers from Split who claim that no one of them had ever given such or similar statements.

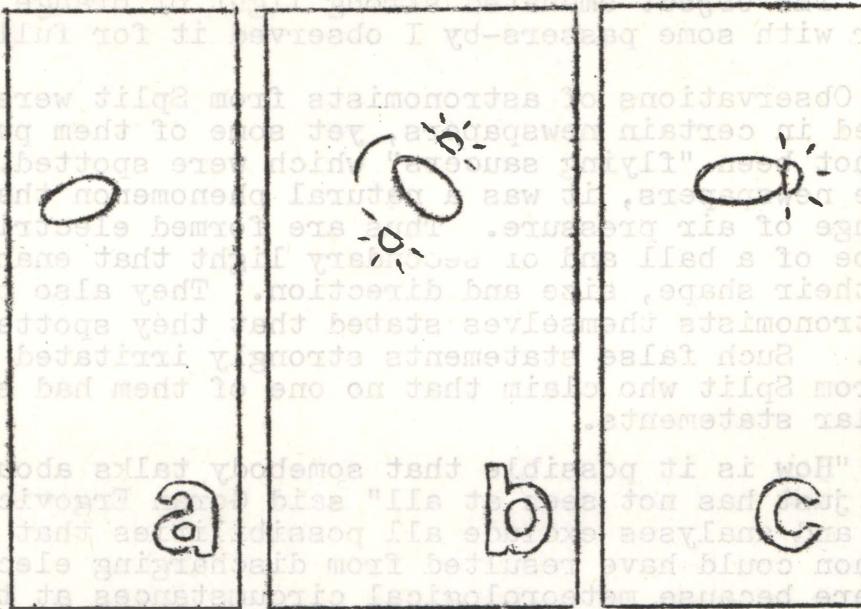
"How is it possible that somebody talks about something that he just has not seen at all" said Goran Ergovic. "Our observations and analyses exclude all possibilities that the phenomenon could have resulted from discharging electricity in the atmosphere because meteorological circumstances at that time were such that they did not permit it either. Besides, we observed the unknown object for full seven minutes, its dimensions were enormous and it emanated twinkling light of white-blue colour while electric loads are of red colour and essentially of smaller dimensions".

Amateur astronomers from Split have made up their minds to examine in detail what they experienced and to publish their observations in a special report. At this point they also expect some help from experts in different fields of work and believe that joint efforts could result in finding out the identity of the object which flew over the Adriatic sea on the 3rd Oct. 1983.

"In past days", says Goran Ergovic, "we succeeded in defining the unknown object's precise flying course according to the position of stars in the sky what we drew into the star map of the northern sky. Besides that, in the moment of flying between Cape Marjan and island Ciovo, the unknown object moved according to our calculations at a speed of 257 kilometers p.h., its height being at that time 60.641 meters. On the bases of these particulars and some other comparisons we are now trying to calculate at least approximate dimensions of the unknown object."

Like real enthusiasts, the amateur astronomers from Split are desirous of clearing up this matter. Of course, some people reproach them that they are losing their precious time when they occupy themselves with such "foolish things". But nine young men, Goran Ergovic and his brother Zoran, Tonci Osibov, Ivica Vucemilo, Dragan Hakim, Dragan Solic, Darko Selakovic, Ante Denic and Ivan Babic are enough persistent to continue their investigations.

Source: "Weekly Ilustrovana Politika" - date: 18th October, 1983.



Sketch of Yugoslavia UFO photo

THE MAY '83 FLAPANDBENDIGO PHOTOGRAPHS

20TH MAY, '83 to 25TH MAY, '83

(C) 1984 by John W. Auchettl
V.U.F.C.R.S.(A) INTRODUCTION

What do you do when over 300 people see lights in the sky over 2 nights in all areas of Victoria. By overwhelming agreement, you, the investigator are left with little doubt...That 300 or so people who saw lights that night saw something very much out of the ordinary.

On investigation we are able to clear up a good 80% of the sightings as stars but in my opinion on Friday the 20th May, 1983, 6 to 8 objects hovered over Bendigo and were high enough and bright enough to be seen in 10 other locations by at least 20% of the witnesses.

The only problem is how do you prove it?

This investigation started with VUFORS at about 9 am on the following Monday, the 23rd, when to the Society's surprise a photograph was published in the local paper 'The Sun' in Melbourne which showed one of the Bendigo lights.

Suddenly the sighting became urgent as the photographs would solve the problem of the validity of the sighting. Also, the chance that under strict computer analysis the photographs may display the UFO as a solid body rather than a light source.

Telephone calls between VUFORS committee members took up a good part of the day as our President Judith Magee collected information that now started to come in because of the sudden press interest.

Because our full-time investigating officer Mr. Paul Horman was overseas, on a lecture tour, Pat Gildea and I were given the task of collecting the photographs and interviewing eye witnesses to the sighting.

That day Fl.Lt. Brett Biddington of R.A.A.F. Investigations asked us if we would like to join him and do a joint investigation in the Bendigo area. Unfortunately, Pat and myself were unable to get off from work to join Fl.Lt. Biddington, at such short notice.

Our main concern was that because the sighting was so low key on the Saturday it was now day 3 and no investigation had started. Fl.Lt. Biddington got straight into his investigation and on the 24th May he received the negatives from our two key witnesses - Mike Evans and Russell Hawthorn.

Unfortunately because of the RAAF investigation VUFORS was unable to send the negatives off to the United States for computer analysis until 1st July 1983. This therefore meant that we had to wait until late September to get the computer results back. To make things even harder for us on 22nd July '83 we got what I feel is one of the best UFO encounters in Victoria and that was the 'Melton Police Encounter'.

Consequently, the Bendigo sighting was placed second under the Melton investigation and so 10 months later the full and final investigation by VUFORS is now in print. Hundreds of people who reported sightings to VUFORS, newspapers, police, radio stations and the RAAF, agreed the flying objects were conical or cylindrical in shape, with lights that changed colour and were seen!

The Society sent to the United States :-

Mike Evans' film (= 7 photographs)

Russell Hawthorn film (= 8 photographs)

Channel 7 video tape (= 60 minutes of tape) and

Keven Even's film (= 1 photograph)

As you will read, out of all the material we were able to get, only one photograph, taken by Mike Even's turned out to be a bonafide UFO. The others were analysed as stars or planets by the computer. The Channel 7 video was impossible to analyse and the Keven Even's photograph was a FAKE.

This was a major disappointment to us all, yet with the help of one photograph, the society believes that a UFO was seen that night.

Like the Melton Police encounter I have travelled many miles and talked to many people and in the process gathered two full arch folders of information. After 10 months of study this sighting is still a UFO mystery.

What turned out to be a Bendigo sighting of about 130 people has now turned out to be a mass sighting over a wide area of Victoria by over 300 Victorians.

The "May Flap and Bendigo Photograph" story is now before you in full.

Therefore you are asked to make the decision!

(B) THE REPORTS

ROMSEY, N.W. Melbourne

1) 15/5/'83 - THE EARLY WARNING!

Romsey policeman Sen. Constable Harry Witkiss, had a passing motorist come into his house one night about a week before the sighting to report a strange light in the sky. The constable said:

"I listened patiently to the man and observed he was driving and asked him if he wanted to be breath tested"(as a drunk)?

The man said he saw the light in the direction of Kyneton.. "It was a bright white light with green conical lights coming from it".

"I went with the man who pointed the light out to me!" Constable Witkiss said.

The visitor said he had been observing it for about 20 mins. Constable Witkiss then climbed up on a hill to get a better view and it was just as it had been described except it had two cones of green light coming from it.... one at about one o'clock and the other at 7 o'clock.

Constable Witkiss watched it for 15 mins. The night was calm and clear and the object made no noise. It appeared to be descending very gradually. He said:

"After I returned home the visitor rang me to say that as he travelled into Cemetery Road, Lancefield, he saw the object rotate and the lights go out - it vanished!".

2) 20/5/'83 - 11pm - 3 pm

FLORA HILL, BENDIGO.

MIKE EVEN'S SIGHTING

At about 11 pm on Friday, 20th May 1983, radio announcer at Radio Station 3BO in Bendigo, Mr. Mike Evens, aged 17, received the first of many reported sightings made to the 3BO studios that night.

Mike Evens looked out of his radio studio window and viewed 6 objects at about 800 metres in altitude.

From 11 pm the phones just never stopped ringing. They had three lines on the talkback and six lines on the switchboard. They did not stop ringing until after 3 am that Saturday morning 21st May.

Many people were at first bewildered and curious about the light but later became worried.

Mike Evens said "It certainly scared the hell out of some people - they didn't sound too good".

The most distant calls into the studio were from Epsom, Castlemaine, Maryborough and Taradale.

Mike Evens' first sighting -

"I saw 6 objects through the studio window. It was like a white cone with red and green lights flashing. I could see them quite distinctly changing colours. They were bright and about twice the size of the brightest star.

"I estimate the objects were hovering at about 300 metres and they would move a small distance, disappear and then reappear in another part of the sky.

"Someone with a telescope in Castlemaine said it was like honeycomb on the bottom."

Shortly after Mike Evens ended his shift at midnight. He got home about 2.30 am (21st May) and his parents had been watching these things as well so he decided to photograph one.

Mike Evens photographs

Mike loaded his Praktika MTL3 camera with black and white 400 ASA film, fitted it with a 210mm 200m lens and a 4 times converter and attached it to a tripod. The lens converter gave him a lens equivalent of about 840mm. He then climbed on to the roof of his father's garage.

There was practically no wind at ground level and Mike picked what appeared to be the nearer of the 2 objects he could see, that was to the north west. He had no idea how close it was. It was about 75 degrees up from the horizon.

There was no cloud visible in the sky, but the object was brighter than the star "Sirius" and very much larger.

Mike said "...Through the view finder of the camera, the object did not appear to move, but after a 15 second exposure with a cable release, I saw that it had shifted slightly.

"Because I concentrated on the nearest of the objects, I did not notice the movement of the other objects.

"But the one I watched appeared to remain almost motionless and then move on".

Second Object Description..Mike Evens continues -

"I was able to see a permanent white light at the top and to see the red and green lights were switching on and off around the underside. It was spinning rapidly".

Mrs. Judy Evens' support. - (Mike Evens' Mother)

Mrs. Evans said "The picture gave a good idea of the actual shape of the object. In fact they looked like wedding rings"; but she was unable to see a hole in the centre.

"Each of the objects appeared to be similar and seemed to be composed of a series of balls of light which flashed red, green and blue and had a constant white light. I looked at a number of the objects through binoculars!"

Mike Evans took 5 shots of the object and 2 shots of the moon. The black and white film was given to the RAAF and after a long wait VUFORS sent the film off to the U.S. on the 1st July 1983 for analysis.

(The results are to come in the next edition).

3) 20/5/83 to 21/5/83 - 11.30 pm - 3 am

BENDIGO

MR. PAUL DAVIS

3BO local radio announcer Mr. Paul Davis, first saw the lights in the car park of the Bendigo radio station, as he arrived for work around 11.30 pm..... He said -

"They had twice the brilliance of a star and changed colour from green to red to white at about 8 colour changes a second.

"Several of us saw them shoot across the sky and disappear around 1.30 am.

"My initial reaction was that there had to be a rational explanation but then hundreds of people started calling in reporting seeing a maze of brilliant lights. One caller using a telescope said he picked up a cone-shaped object emitting a white light with flashing green and red lights revolving at its base. He was pretty shaken up by what he was seeing.

"I could see 6 objects through my studio window. The objects disappeared from the sky at about 3 am."

4) 20/5/83 - Before 11 pm

BENDIGO

FIRST REPORTED SIGHTING TO 3BO THAT NIGHT.

The first sighting of the object was made by a man at Kangaroo Flat.

5) 20/5/83 - Before 11 pm

BENDIGO

SECOND REPORTED SIGHTING TO 3BO THAT NIGHT

A man, who telephoned 3BO (a local Melbourne station), claimed he was tailed by a UFO from Long Fully, about 5 Km from Bendigo into the town.

He said it was almost directly above him at about 70 degrees. He drove flat-out into Bendigo trying to get away from it.

This series continued in the next issue of the Bulletin.

MUTUAL U.F.O. NETWORK SYMPOSIUM

The 15th Annual MUFON UFO Symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn, North/Airport Area in San Antonio, Texas, on July 7 and 8th 1984.

This year's event is being hosted by MUFON of San Antonio and sponsored by the Mutual UFO Network Inc.

The theme for 1984 will be "E.T. 1: A PUBLIC FORUM"

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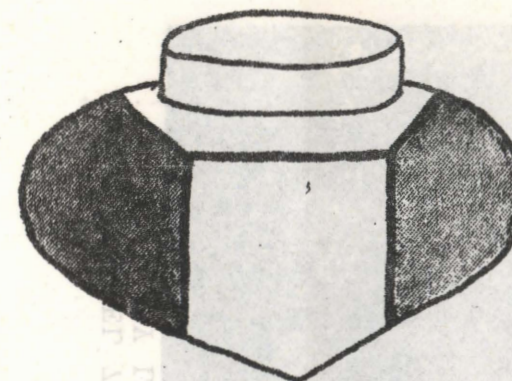
It is recommended that any VUFORS MEMBERS, with intentions of going overseas on holiday, to arrange their vacation to coincide with this annual event.

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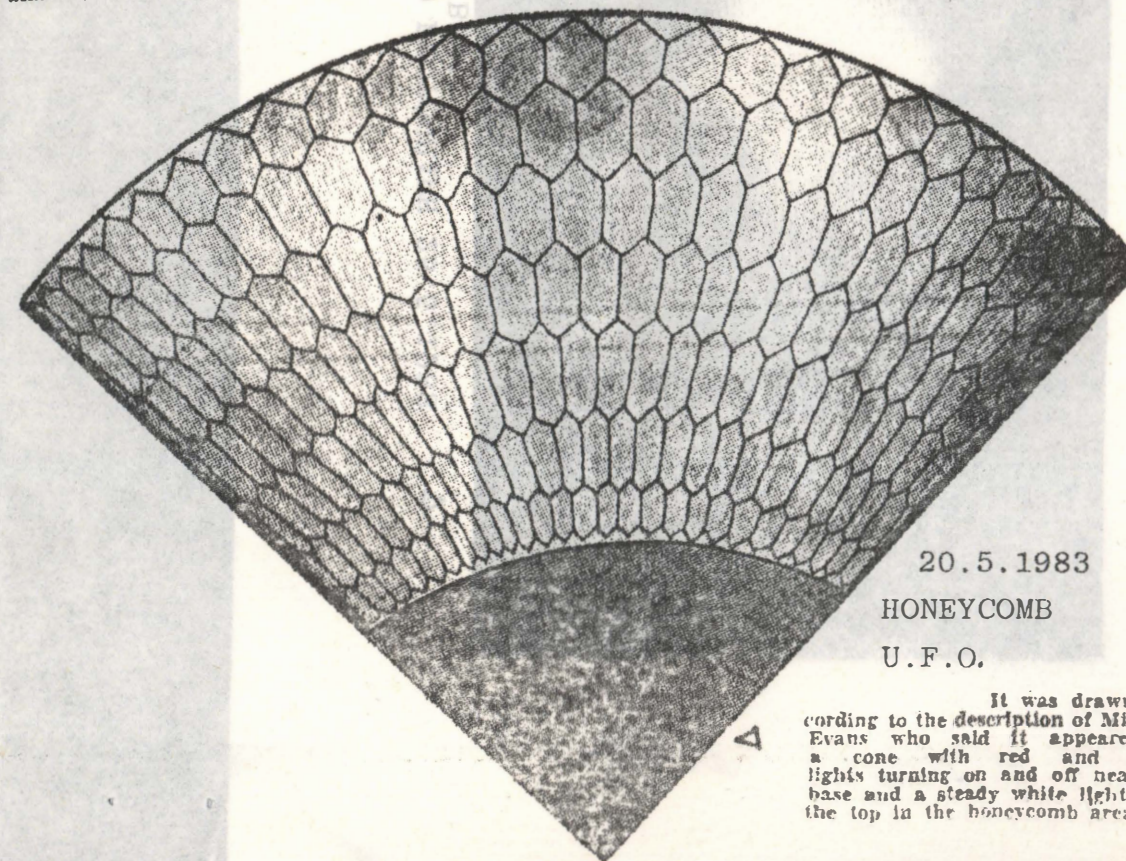
CHECK THE BOX! YOU'VE WON A PRIZE!

THE RUSSELL HENTHORN PHOTOGRAPH
24.5.1983

JOHN.W.AUCHETTL
V.U.F.O.R.S.



The object had a brilliant white light on top and the other lights appeared to be flashing on and off.



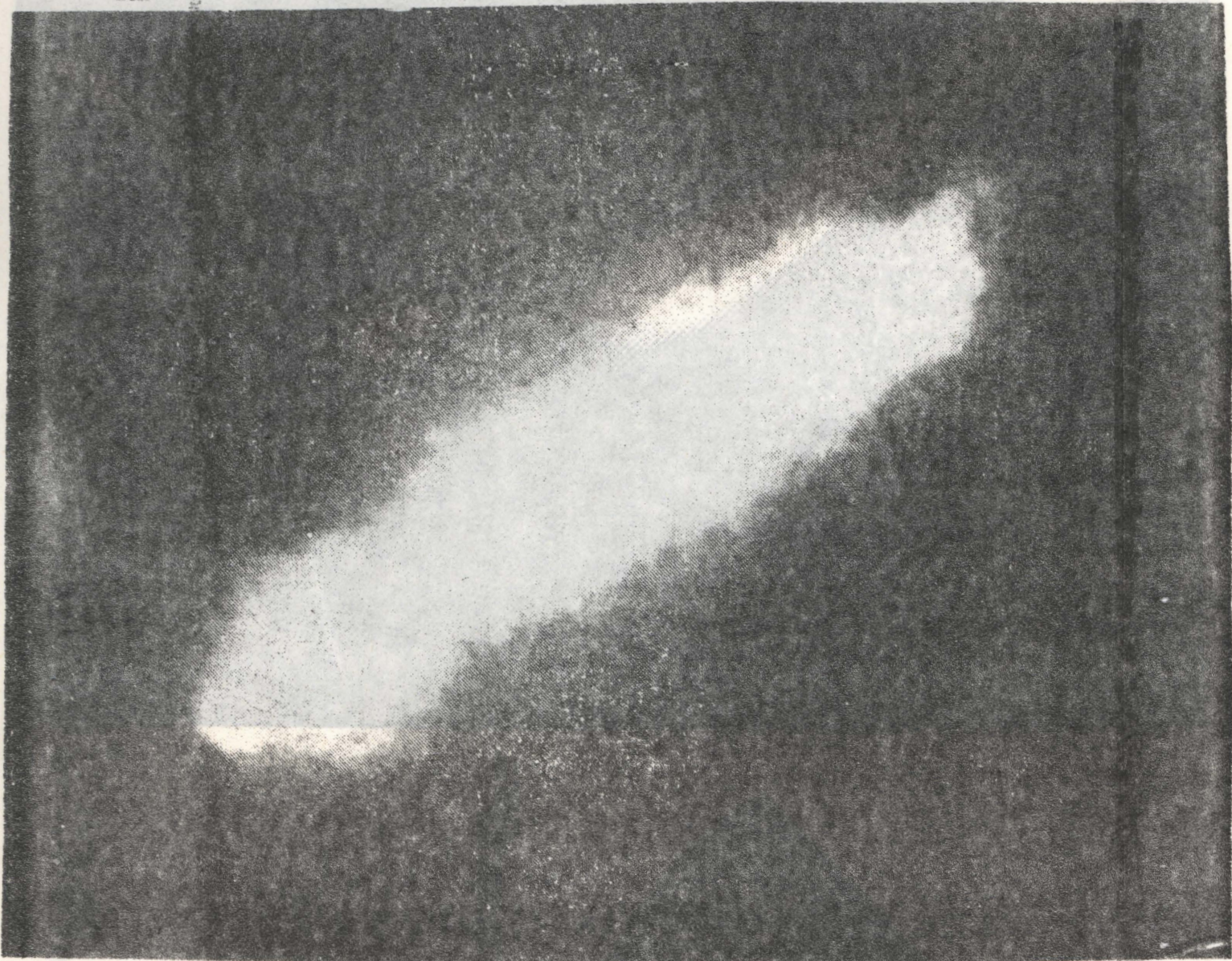
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It was drawn according to the description of Michael Evans who said it appeared as a cone with red and green lights turning on and off near the base and a steady white light near the top in the honeycomb area.

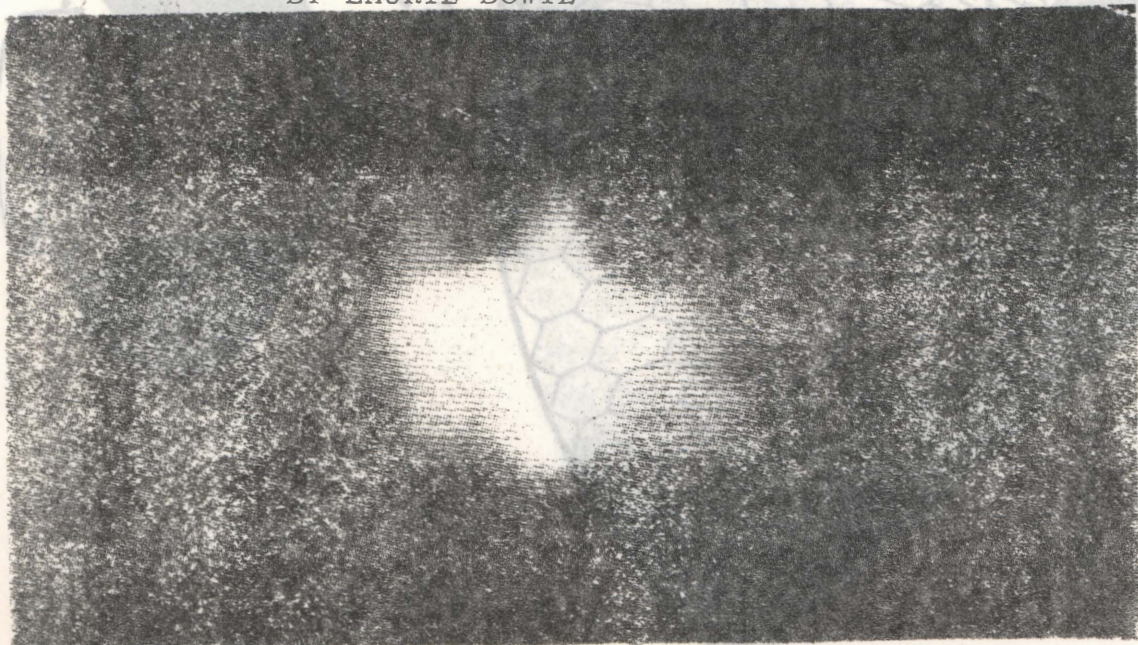
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THE CHANNEL 7 VIDIO PHOTOGRAPH 25.5.1983
BY LAURIE BOWIE



ON THE U.F.O. TRAIL.

By Paul Norman

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During June, 1983, Victoria experienced one of those UFO flaps which occur at increasing intervals throughout the world.

Lights in the sky at night are very difficult to investigate as details are hard to secure. Nearly all produce the usual percentage of mistaken identities because more people take an interest in sky activities during flaps. Such occasions also bring to light the usual crop of biased, amusing opinions from sceptics, such as the pseudo academics, who rush into print "decreeing" that there is nothing significant in the flap, wven of the magnitude of the Kaikoura report; New Zealand flap of 1978-79, when expert investigation of the incident, together with the film analysis, proved that there was definitely something strange going on in the sky and unexplained objects were causing the spate of reports.

Then of course, there are always the Professors of Impossibility, who 'assure' us that it can't be so, therefore it isn't! It's all psychological effects in the human mind etcetera, etcetera, etcetera!! Making investigations more difficult, are those individuals who try to make a 'fast buck' with phony photos and false reports, which take time and money to follow up and analyse. There are also honest individuals who, after seeing an object maneuvering in the sky, rush indoors for their camera, then outside again and 'snap' the picture of a star mistaken for the UFO in a hovering position; when actually the real UFO has already sped out of sight. VUFORS is in possession of several photos submitted, of which only one is worth any follow up analysis. There is also one unexplained photo in the hands of officials, which was taken during this June flap period.

This rash of sightings in this State, found VUFORS on the alert! Investigators John Auchettl and Pat Gildea, were 'flat out' interviewing witnesses over a wide area of the State, while Judith Magee had her hands full with the telephone receiver and pen recording and relaying reports to members of the Victorian investigating network. Trying to pacify the press, radio and T.V. was making her job more difficult until investigators could sort out fact from fiction. For several days following the flap, Membership Secretary, Stafford Hall, spent much of his spare time issuing new membership cards and reinstating those members whose interest ebbs and flows with the tide of UFO Activity.

A priority of VUFORS is to investigate the cause of these flaps; all are not publicised by the media and provide the opportunity to investigate on a quieter and more peaceful note. News of the spate of sightings which occurred near Mildura during October 1982, did not reach the press, probably because the UFO's were flying during the wee hours of the morning, when most people in the area were asleep. The reports were officially investigated and the sightings still remain unexplained. These reports were passed on to VUFORS from an official source, with the understanding that the name and occupation of the observers be kept confidential. I went to Mildura for follow-up investigation and an attempt was made to locate other witnesses. The first report came from an observer who witnessed an unusual yellow light, hovering and maneuvering about the area before speeding away without sound. Suddenly, it came to an abrupt stop and described several quick movements, changing height, similar to 'a butterfly hovering over flowers'. It then sped away in the direction of the Southern Cross.

Two people saw an orange light coming in from 160 degrees before it sped over the Mildura airport in a fast swooping motion. It then flew over the runway near the passenger terminal, where it stopped motionless and noiseless. This act was carried out with no visible slowing down from its great speed. After about $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, it shot off in a direction of 90 degrees from the airport. The observers stated that its speed and rate of climb were absolutely phenomenal. They watched the object until it sped out of sight, leaving no evidence, like a vapour trail or sound.

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The official investigator who passed on the reports to VUFORS, assured us there were no civil or military aircraft in the Mildura area during the time of the sightings. Aircraft flying over Mildura on normal and overseas flight paths, can be heard and the senior witness confirmed that it was the fastest object he had ever seen in flight.

One outstanding result of this incident is that a witness, who is a public servant and an official investigator are now assisting us to track down strange traffic moving along the UFO TRAIL.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE REAL KIND -- VUFORS EXHIBITION.

VUFORS WILL HOLD A DISPLAY OF UFO EVIDENCE, IN THE UPPER ROOM OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY, 9 VICTORIA STREET, MELBOURNE, FROM 11 a.m. TO 4 p.m., SATURDAY, 10th MARCH, 1984.

The Exhibition will comprise 100 real and hoax photos from around the world, cases from Ancient Astronauts to the coming of the modern UFOs; UFOs and the United Nations as well as the House of Lords, Bass Strait, the "Flap Area" of Australia and of special interest will be U.S.A. secret documents secured through the Freedom of Information Act.

Other subjects to be covered are world research groups: what people around the world think about UFO's; meteorites, tektites and astronomy.

Another subject of outstanding interest will be the case of the greatest mystery in Australian aviation history, the disappearance of Pilot Frederick Valentich, while flying over Bass Strait, during an encounter with an unidentified flying object.

Members and friends are invited to bring their questions and to view this evidence of CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE REAL KIND. Admission is by donation.

V.U.F.O.R.S. EMBLEM OR LOGO.

Some years ago the Committee called for drawings for a proposed badge design. Numerous sketches were received and studied and one duly selected. VUFORS then had a badge - tie bars and badges - which sold out rather rapidly and due to one thing and another, were never repeated. Our logo however, is on our Letterheads, acknowledgment cards, the cards we present to TV stations, Police, Press and other organisations to whom people might report their sightings. It is also on our Bulletin - where the address appears - we also have car stickers, it appears on our T/shirts and windcheaters with the 'UFO'S ARE ROUND' border or the address. We thought you might care to learn what the design means.

"The device is divided into three elements.

1. the Society title.
2. the symbolic UFO
3. the sky and space.

- Remarks:
1. The sincere endeavour of this Society to present the true facts concerning UFO phenomena reflect in the pure whiteness of the lettering. Thus the title is white.
 2. Surrounding the title and set in symbolic form is a UFO illuminating the night sky with its fiery brilliance of golden light. The UFO is in outline only, to indicate its elusive nature.
 3. The dark-blue ground is indicative of the sky above and the endless realms beyond. From space they descend and to space ascent, always swiftly, silently, mysteriously.

And man ponders!

There have been many theories regarding the means of propulsion of those elusive UFO's.... Here is yet another presented by Dr. Jan Pajak of New Zealand.

If you have any comments regarding theories we'd like to hear them. ED.

MAGNOCRAFT - THE EARTH'S VERSION OF A USO

by Dr. Jan Pajak

"Unhindered it thrust its way through the body of mountains, the inverted saucer-shape blazing with incandescent heat".

This remarkable UFO is, in fact, a plausible description of the magnocraft which, it has been scientifically predicted, will be operative within the next two decades. Most of its characteristics will be identical to those of a UFO: noiselessness in flight, pollution-free operation, incredibly high speeds (up to 70,000 km per hour in the atmosphere and close to the speed of light in free space), ability to withstand almost unlimited outside pressure and temperature, the achievement of visual and radar invisibility, an incandescent glow, the ability to move through solid matter, a violet-green and redish-yellow hue, causing humming and vibration of surrounding materials, etc. This spacecraft will carry people to the stars; however, it may also become the most destructive weapon in the world.

The completion of the first magnocraft will be possible when our technology is able to produce magnetic propulsors, i.e. specially designed and unusually powerful sources of a pulsating magnetic field. The output from these propulsors must be so enormous that, by the repulsive interaction with the magnetic field of the Earth, it will be able to lift and accelerate the sources as well as the mass of a propelled spacecraft joined to them.

(F.I) The magnocraft's general construction and principles of operation are illustrated in Figure 1. The propulsion system in this spacecraft is created by two kinds of magnetic propulsors. The first is the main propulsor (M) which is suspended in the centre of the magnocraft. Its magnetic poles are oriented so as to repel the environmental magnetic field (which could be the field of the Earth), a planet or the Sun). By this means, M produces a repulsion force (R) which supports the craft. The second kind of propulsor is the side propulsor (U). The magnocraft has multiples of four (i.e. 8, 12, ...36) of these propulsors, but never fewer than eight. These are located at regular intervals in the horizontal flange surrounding the spacecraft. The magnetic poles of the side propulsors are oriented so as to attract the environmental field, therefore these produce attraction forces (A) which stabilize the craft and fix its orientation in space. The crew cabin (1) is located between the main (M) and side (U) propulsors, and is in the shape of a parallel piped ring. This cabin looks similar to the side walls of an inverted saucer, and is covered by a material which is impenetrable by the magnetic flux. Along the interior wall of the crew cabin lie the telescopic legs of the craft (2) which are extended at the moment of landing.

Control of flight direction is achieved by a combination of three methods. The first is to increase or decrease the output from the propulsors; this changes the relation between attraction (A) and repulsion (R) forces, which as a result cause ascent, hovering, or descent of the craft. The second method is based on the use of the meridional component of the thrust force, obtained by changing the inclination angle (I) of the propulsors. This method of control causes the horizontal flight of the magnocraft from south to north, or north to south. When the craft flies above the Earth's equator, the magnetic axes of the propulsors should be horizontal. The third method of flight control uses the thrust force received from the magnetic analogue of the Magnus effect already known from hydrodynamics.

This method causes the flight of the magnocraft along the lines of latitude from east to west or west to east. The magnetic analogue of the Magnus effect produces a horizontal thrust force, perpendicular to the lines of the Earth's magnetic field. This force is obtained by a magnetic whirl produced by the magnocraft's side propulsors. The direction in which this force acts depends on the direction of the whirl rotation. The whirl is produced by appropriate synchronization of the outputs from the side propulsors pulsating with the phase shifts.

The magnetic field which drives the magnocraft allows coupling of two or more craft into a flying complex. There are hundreds of different configurations which may be constituted in this way, however there are two basic ones: spherical and cigar-shaped. The spherical complex is made by coupling two crafts

(F.2). base-to-base (see Figure 2) This shape has a major drawback. Because the magnetic fields of the main propulsors are very strong, when they are orientated to operate in unison they will attract each other to the extent of crushing both craft inwards. To avoid this, a hydraulic substance with a consistency similar to that of egg white is put between the two craft. During the separation of this spherical complex, this substance must be discarded (UFO's equivalent of such a substance is called "angel's hair").

(F.3) The stacked-cigar complex (see Figure 3) is created by stacking the convex top of one craft onto the concave part of the base of another, and so on. The resultant configuration is similar to a pile of saucers, stacked one on top of another.

A short-cut to the completion of the magnocraft is possible. This was realized when evidence was published in 1981 that UFO's use the same propulsion system as that applied in the magnocraft (see item 4 in bibliography). So the cheapest and quickest way of completing the first working magnocraft is to observe UFOs and copy their technology. Therefore it is probable that the country which leads in UFO research will achieve the building of this incredibly powerful spacecraft within the next twelve to sixteen years.

Readers may obtain further information about the magnocraft from the following publications by the author, edited in Poland.

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ILLUSTRATIONS:

Fig. 1. Cut-away view of the magnocraft showing its design and principles of operation. The walls, made of a material impenetrable by a magnetic field, are indicated by a broken line.

Fig. 2. Cut-away view of two magnocraft coupled together base-to-base into a spherical flying complex.
1) upright unit; 2) inverted unit; 3) gelatinous hydraulic substance (known in UFO investigations as "angel's hair").

Fig. 3. Partial cross-section and view of the stacked cigar-shaped complex made by the coupling of six magnocraft.

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